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WORKING GROUP 10.03

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REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM LAWRENCE SIMONS
OF HUD TO TARENTIEV OF GOSSTROY FOR HIS TRANSMITTAL TO
ISHCHENKO.

"MR. IVAN I. ISHCHENKO, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU FOR
YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 9, 1977, IN WHICH YOU DISCUSSED
OUR EVALUATION OF YOUR PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION ON
SEVERAL PROJECTS ASSIGNED TO JOINT WORKING GROUP 10.03 AND
RESPONDED TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN MY LETTERS OF NOVEMBER
3 AND NOVEMBER 25, 1977. I TRUST YOU HAVE ALSO RECEIVED
THE INFORMATION REGARDING OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE DETAILED
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AGENDA OF OUR JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING WHICH WAS TRANS-
MITTED TO MR. TARENTIEV BY MRS. DE HANCOCK ON NOVEMBER 28,
1977.

I AM PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT OUR
SUGGESTION THAT OUR MEETING BE HELD FEBRUARY 7-19 IN THE
UNITED STATES. BASED ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE DATES,

WE HAVE PROCEEDED TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES AGENCIES AND PRIVATE FIRMS INVOLVED, AND OUR PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE YOUR PARTY ARE NOW COMPLETE.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY. SINCE THERE ARE NINE PROJECTS ASSIGNED TO OUR JOINT WORKING GROUP BUT YOUR DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE ONLY SEVEN PEOPLE, IT APPEARS THAT SOME MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP WILL BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF MORE THAN ONE PROJECT, OR THAT YOU WISH TO DEFER DISCUSSION OF SOME PROJECTS UNTIL A LATER DATE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, THEREFORE, IF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY COULD BE IDENTIFIED BY CONNECTION WITH ONE OR MORE OF OUR PROJECTS WHICH THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS, ESPECIALLY WHEN INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PROJECT LEADERS TAKE PLACE ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 8.

WE HAVE CONSIDERED YOUR PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN THE STUDY TOUR ITINERARY, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE THEM, ALTHOUGH NOT IN EXACTLY THE FORM WHICH YOU PROPOSED. SPAN-DECK, INC., DOES NOT HAVE A FACILITY IN BALTIMORE. RATHER, A FIRM USING THEIR PROCESS HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS IN BALTIMORE, BUT ITS MANUFACTURING FACILITY IS IN PHILADELPHIA. SPAN-DECK HAS SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO VISIT A FACILITY USING UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR PROCESS WHICH IS LOCATED IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, AND WE HAVE REVISED THE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE A VISIT TO INDIANAPOLIS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, REPLACING THE VISIT TO BALTIMORE WHICH WE HAD SUGGESTED EARLIER. THE VISIT TO HYDROTILE FACILITIES IN BALTIMORE WHICH WE ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE OFFICIALS OF HYDROTILE, AND THEY SUGGESTED, INSTEAD, THAT THEY MEET YOU IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, FOLLOWING THE VISIT TO MCCrackEN. THE REVISED ITINERARY, BRIEFLY, IS AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY: ARRIVAL

WEDNESDAY: JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS OF PROJECT LEADERS AND REPORTS TO THE FULL JOINT WORKING GROUP.

THURSDAY: VISIT FACILITIES OF SPAN-DECK OF INDIANA AND AMERICAN PRE-CAST CONCRETE IN THE VICINITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. THIS IS NOT AN OVERNIGHT TRIP, ALTHOUGH RETURN TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL BE FAIRLY LATE IN THE EVENING.

FRIDAY: FREE TIME IN THE MORNING AND CONTINUATION OF JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS IN THE AFTERNOON.

SATURDAY: VISIT US GYPSUM FACILITIES IN BALTIMORE.

SUNDAY: AFTER MORNING FREE TIME, TRAVEL TO RALEIGH, NORTH

CAROLINA.

MONDAY: VISIT KOPPERS AND TRAVEL TO MADISON, WISCONSIN.

TUESDAY: VISIT FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY AND TRAVEL TO MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

WEDNESDAY: VISIT CONCRETE PIPE AND CONCRETE PANEL PLANTS OF NORTH STAR CONCRETE COMPANY. REPRESENTATIVES OF MCCrackEN MAY ALSO BE PRESENT DURING THIS VISIT.

THURSDAY: TRAVEL TO DAYTON AND COLUMBUS, OHIO. VISIT FACILITIES OF PRICE BROTHERS (USING MACHINERY MANUFACTURED BY MCCrackEN) AND MCCrackEN CONCRETE PIPE COMPANY.

FRIDAY: TRAVEL TO CINCINNATI, OHIO. VISIT FACILITIES OF CINCINNATI CONCRETE PIPE COMPANY (USING MACHINERY MANUFACTURED BY HYDROTILE). REPRESENTATIVES OF HYDROTILE WILL
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CONDUCT THIS PORTION OF THE TOUR. TRAVEL TO NEW YORK.

SATURDAY: MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON FREE. LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING, TOUR WORLD TRADE CENTER. FAREWELL DINNER.

SUNDAY: MORNING FREE. AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW.

DETAILED TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED. AS SOON AS THEY HAVE BEEN MADE FINAL, I SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE FULL ITINERARY FOR YOUR INFORMATION. IN THE MEANTIME, IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR MODIFICATION OF THE ITINERARY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY. ONCE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR TRANSPORTATION, HOTELS, AND RECEPTION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE FIRMS, THOSE ARRANGEMENTS ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO CHANGE, AND IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE REVISIONS UNLESS WE ACT SOON. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE ITINERARY WHICH WE PROPOSE, WITH ITS LATEST REVISIONS, IS RESPONSIVE TO THE WISHES WHICH YOU HAVE EXPRESSED, TO THE EXTENT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR US TO BE RESPONSIVE. IN MOST CASES, I BELIEVE THE CHANGES WE HAVE MADE PROVIDE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OBSERVATION AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AMONG SPECIALISTS THAN YOUR ORIGINAL PROPOSALS, AND THE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO MAKE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS MORE CONDUCTIVE TO PRODUCTIVE VISITS TO MORE INSTALLATIONS THAN WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.

I HAVE ONE FINAL REQUEST. SINCE WE PLAN FOR OUR PROJECT LEADERS TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 8, WE MUST PLAN TO PROVIDE SEVERAL INTERPRETERS IN SUPPORT OF THOSE MEETINGS. UNFORTUNATELY, NONE OF THE PROJECT LEADERS IN THE AMERICAN DELEGATION IS PROFICIENT IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, IF YOU
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WOULD IDENTIFY ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION WHO

MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS COUNTERPART
IN ENGLISH, WITHOUT THE HELP OF AN INTERPRETER.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR MEETING AND A RENEWAL OF OUR
ASSOCIATION, AND I TRUST THAT WE HAVE BEGUN A NEW PERIOD
OF MEANINGFUL, PRODUCTIVE COOPERATION. SINCERELY,
LAWRENCE B. SIMONS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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